

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 689**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KELLY GEBHARDT**, on April 15, 2003 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Alan Olson, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)  
Rep. Norman Ballantyne (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch  
Mari Prewett, Committee Secretary

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 689, 4/11/2003  
Executive Action:

**REP. A. OLSON** stated that he had rejected the Senate Amendments as they had gutted the bill. He went on to say they had taken away the purpose of the bill.

**REP. BALLANTYNE** expressed his opinion that the definitions needed to be put back into the bill.

**Motion:** **REP. A. OLSON** moved that the **AMENDMENT TO HB 689 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

**Pat Murdo, Legislative Services,** explained the amendments, attached as Exhibit 1; their relationship to SB 7; and where and how they would effect the bill.

**EXHIBIT**(cch81hb0689a01)

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**REP. BALLANTYNE** asked if the \$1,000 calendar year was addressed in the coordination to SB 7, Section 2, Subsection 5. **Ms. Murdo** explained that the coordination instruction would wipe it out.

**SEN. SQUIRES** asked why they had picked calendar days. **REP. A. OLSON** replied that the use of calendar days could create a problem as the deadline could end on a weekend.

**SEN. SQUIRES, REP. A. OLSON** and **SEN. GEBHARDT** continued to discuss the problems surrounding calendar days and decided that the wording could be changed to work days. It was concluded that they would strike the word "calendar" and insert the word "working".

**Motion:** **REP. A. OLSON** moved that the **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT TO HB 689 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

**SEN. SQUIRES** asked for clarification on who would have to pay. **REP. A. OLSON** responded that the principal would have to report his travel, but her home town lobbyist would not have to pay.

**Vote:** Motion that the **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT TO HB 689 BE ADOPTED** carried 6-0 by voice vote.

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. GEBHARDT** moved that **HB 689 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. BRUEGGEMAN moved that THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:20 A.M.

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SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT, Chairman

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MARI PREWETT, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (cch81hb0689aad)